

### **Amendments to the Specification**

Please delete the Abstract and replace it with the substitute Abstract attached hereto as Appendix A.

Please delete the paragraph at page 1, line 12, and replace it with this following paragraph:

This is a continuation of ~~co-pending~~ U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/421,965, filed October 20, 1999 (Attorney Docket No. TUUT:010), now abandoned, which is a continuing application of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/988,840, filed December 11, 1997 (Attorney Docket No. TUUT:003-1), which issued August 1, 2000, as U.S. Patent No. 6,095,982, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 403,446, filed March 14, 1995, which issued on December 16, 1997, as U.S. Patent No. 5,697,373; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/666,021, filed July 29, 1999 (Attorney Docket No. TUUT:006-2), which issued July 10, 2001, as U.S. Patent No. 6,258,576, which was a Continued Prosecution Application of pending prior application Serial No. 08/666,021, filed on June 30, 1998, which is a Continuation Prosecution Application under Rule 53 (37 C.F.R. 1.53 (d)) of Serial No. 08/666,021, filed June 19, 1996; and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/693,471, filed June 22, 1999 (Attorney Docket No. TUUT:009--2), which is a Continued Prosecution Application of pending prior application Serial No. 08/693,471, filed on September 8, 1998, which is a continuation application under Rule 53 (37 C.F.R. 1.53 (d)) of Serial No. 08/693,471, filed August 2, 1996, which are all hereby incorporated herein by reference in their entirety and serve as a basis for priority for this disclosure.